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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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RE: Opposing Valet Service Application # 17095 at 1701 Kalorama Road, NW

Chairman Griffis,
BZA Members:

I urge the BZA to oppose the application for a special exception at 1701 Kalorama Road, NW (application # 17095), by Sun Service Inc.

Community residents and small businesspersons, worked long and hard to bring about the Reed-Cooke Overlay to specifically prohibit certain neighborhood unfriendly activities in this community, among them valet parking services.

The valet parking at 1701 Kalorama Road NW is and has been a severe disruption to our neighborhood's quality of life. Hundreds of cars per weekend night are seen zooming in and out of that building, with little regard for pedestrians, stop signs or other basic traffic laws. This violates the intent and spirit of the Reed-Cooke Overlay.

We have endured what was to be a "temporary activity," occurring only during construction of the parking garage at the nearby "Lofts" development, to partly absorb the loss of lots spaces from that lot grouping. Upon completion, the valet parking was to move back that location. That promise was violated, and Sun Services has been operating their valet parking business without a valid permit. Signs posted for this hearing were not done so in a timely manner, and residents/neighbors have received no notice for this hearing, only learning of it through neighbors. This neighborhood is undergoing a building boom. Hundreds of new units are coming online, with a corresponding increase in traffic and parking. Ironically, the valet parking at this location is not being used for residents, but for out of neighborhood visitors only. The congestion on Kalorama is already severe, and the valet parking makes it worse.

Please respect the Reed-Cooke Overlay and the wishes of the local residents. I urge you to reject this application.

Sincerely,

John H. O'Leary

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